

# **AGENDA CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

**Thursday, December 18, 2003**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Council Office Building  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**8:00 a.m.      I.      Review testimony from the public forum**

**8:15 a.m.      II.      Discussion of issues**

## **A. Council structure**

- i. Maintain the existing number of Councilmembers (9) and the current ratio of district versus at-large seats (5-4)
- ii. Increase the overall number of Councilmembers
- iii. Change the ratio of district versus at-large seats

## **B. Councilmember positions full- or part-time jobs**

- i. Leave the Charter silent on this issue
- ii. Amend the Charter to provide that these positions are part-time jobs
- iii. Amend the Charter to provide that these positions are full-time with limits on outside employment

## **C. Councilmembers' salaries**

- i. Maintain current salaries for Councilmembers (approx. \$72,000)
- ii. Increase Councilmember salaries to be commensurate with full-time employment

## **D. Number of signatures required for Charter amendments**

- i. Take no position on this issue
- ii. Advise the Council and Executive to continue working with the Montgomery County Delegation to increase the number of signatures required for Charter amendments comparable to referendums
- iii. Reduce the number of signatures required for referendums in Charter Section 114 (five percent of the registered voters = approx. 23,000)

## **E. Petitions filed by Mr. Ficker**

- i. Tax cap
- ii. Term limits

## **F. Public policy issues**

- i. Ways to increase minority participation in local elections
- ii. Any other issues

**9:50 a.m.      III.      Administrative items**

- Approval of minutes from the November 20 meeting
- Timeline for report submission
  - i. Draft report due to Council staff: **March 18**
  - ii. Final draft approved by the CRC: **April 16**
  - iii. Final report due to the Council: **May 1**
  - iv. Report presented to the Council: **First week of June**
- Upcoming meeting dates
  - i. Thursday, January 15
  - ii. Thursday, February 19
  - iii. Thursday, March 18
  - iv. Friday, April 16

**10:00 a.m.      VI.      Adjournment**